

657—40.1(155A) Purpose and scope. The board may authorize a hospital pharmacy to participate in a tech-check-tech program. The board may authorize a general pharmacy providing pharmaceutical services to patients in a long-term care facility as defined herein to participate in a tech-check-tech (TCT) program for dispensing only to patients in the long-term care facility. The purpose of the tech-check-tech program is to authorize certified pharmacy technicians to review the work of other certified pharmacy technicians in connection with the filling of floor stock, including automated medication distribution systems (AMDS) and unit dose dispensing systems for institutionalized patients whose orders have previously been reviewed and approved by a licensed pharmacist, for the purpose of redirecting and optimizing pharmacist patient care services. Implementation of a tech-check-tech program is not intended to reduce pharmacist staffing levels but is intended to increase the availability of the pharmacist for involvement in cognitive and patient care activities.

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